

~~LOWER~~ SANPITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1991

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
John Larsen
Terry Monroe
Kirk Forbush
Francis Roberts Bunderson
Richard Christensen
Eugene Jensen
Richard Tullis
Ned Madsen
David Cox
Dwight Malmgren
Ben Kjar
Mardell Jensen
Cecil Bown
Juel B. Rasmussen
Roger Johnson
David Olsen
Jay Ivan Olsen

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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Gunnison-Fayette Canal
Price
Gunnison Irrigation
CUWCD

Sanpete Water Conservancy
Gunnison-Fayette Canal
Chairman
Gunnison Irrigation
Gunnison-Fayette Canal

The meeting was held on January 23, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. in Manti, Utah. Ben Kjar opened the meeting. Kirk Forbush read the meetings of the 1990 meeting. The motion was made by David Cox and seconded by Richard Christensen to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. Lee Sim read the financial report. Delinquent assessments and the method of calculation of water assessments were discussed. A motion was made by Eugene Jensen and seconded by Juel Rasmussen to accept the financial reports as read. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lowell Anderson gave his report. Lowell indicated that the Twelve-Mile and Mayfield recorders have a silting problem. The system has good coverage of water measurement stations. Lowell indicated that Roger Johnson has a good location for another measurement station above the districts' diversions. A motion was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Cecil Bown to accept the commissioner report. The motion carried.

Lee Sim reviewed the 1990 budget. Lee explained a rule change for the retirement system; the commissioner needs to make \$500.00 per month to be eligible for retirement. Other options would be a 401K deferred account. The bonding has increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per year.

Roger Johnson inquired whether the Upper and Lower Sanpitch River would be consolidated. Lee Sim explained that information has been brought to the State Engineer's attention that make it unclear as to the proper distribution procedure. The language of

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the decree is being interpreted by the Attorney General's office. Roger Johnson and Ned Madsen expressed concern regarding ability to divert water under the two systems method of distribution. Lee explained that the Attorney General is reviewing court cases and the decree to make a determination as to the proper method of distribution. After the order is issued there is a time for appeal.

Ben Kjar requested copies of the stream flow records on the Upper Sanpitch system. Lee Sim said that the records are available.

Budget items were then reviewed. Lowell Anderson asked how long the tapes of the recording stations be kept, in case of court action. Lee Sim said he will check on that.

Ben Kjar asked for suggestions on commissioner's salary. Dwight Malmgren suggested some of the travel expense be moved to salary to make up the difference needed to continue to have retirement. Lowell Anderson indicated that this change would be agreeable

Lee Sim then reviewed the proposed 1991 budget. Dwight Malmgren proposed no levy on assessment and taking the needed money out of reserves. A motion was made by Roger Johnson and seconded by Juel Rassmussen to reduce the assessment to \$4000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eugene Jensen and seconded by Roger Johnson to nominate Lowell Anderson as River commissioner for 1991. The motion carried.

Ben Kjar opened nominations for new directors. Eugene Jensen made a motion to suspend the rules and keep the directors in office. Ned Madsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.